

I. AMENDMENTS

A. In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 8, between lines 12 and 13:

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Please delete the paragraph on page 10, lines 7-18 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Fig. 6 shows the protein sequence of TT19 and phylogenetic tree; (A) depicts multiple alignment of the deduced amino acid sequences of TT19 (At-TT19) (**SEQ ID NO: 2**), Arabidopsis EST H36860 (At-H36860) (**SEQ ID NO: 39**), petunia AN9 (Ph-AN9) (**SEQ ID NO: 40**), tobacco parB (Nt-parB) (**SEQ ID NO: 41**), maize GSTI, GSTIII, GSTIV, and BZ2 (Zm-GSTI, Zm-GSTIII, Zm-GSTIV, and Zm-BZ2) (**SEQ ID NOS 42-44 and 46, respectively**), and wheat GSTA1 (Ta-GSTA1) (**SEQ ID NO: 45**); all references for these GSTs are included in Alfenito et al. (1998, supra); sites of identical amino acids are indicated as asterisks; (B) depicts phylogenetic tree among GST proteins shown in (A); an unrooted consensus tree was obtained by the neighbor-joining method; bootstrap values are indicated at each branch.